



# Appropriations Update

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## FISCAL YEAR 2007 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL – H.R. 5427

### SUMMARY

The Energy and Water Development appropriations bill reported to the House on 19 May 2006 (H.R. 5427; H.Rept. 109-474) provides new budget authority equal to the amount allocated for the bill by Committee on Appropriations. Accordingly, the bill complies with provisions of the Congressional Budget Act regarding consideration of appropriations measures.

The bill also complies with provisions of the fiscal year 2007 budget resolution regarding emergency-designated appropriations and advance appropriations: neither of these appears in the bill as reported.

This is the fourth of 11 appropriations bills considered by the House for the fiscal year beginning 1 October 2006.

### COST OF THE LEGISLATION

The bill provides \$30 billion in new budget authority [BA], and \$31.4 billion in outlays for 2007 – a decrease from 2006 of \$147 million, or 0.5 percent, in BA, and an increase of \$921 million in outlays (see Table 1 below).

The bill exceeds the President's request by \$545 million in BA and \$278 million in outlays.

The bill also includes three rescissions of previously-enacted discretionary appropriations. It rescinds \$257 million from the Energy Department's Clean Coal Technology program, \$88 million from the Bureau of Reclamation, and \$56 million from the Army Corps of Engineers' construction account. Outlays flowing from the \$401 million in rescissions total \$84 million.

**Table 1: Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill**  
(fiscal years; millions of dollars)

	2006 Spending <sup>a</sup>	Administration 2007	302 (b) for 2007	Bill
Budget Authority	30,164	29,472	30,017	30,017
Outlays	30,490	31,133	30,414	31,411

<sup>a</sup> Excludes emergency-designated appropriations.

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

By virtue of a rule adopted on 18 May 2006, the House-passed budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 376) is effective for enforcement of the Congressional Budget Act. The Appropriations Committee – under section 302(b) of the

Budget Act – has submitted suballocations to its subcommittees (H.Rept. 109-471) that sum to the \$873-billion discretionary level contained in the budget resolution.

This measure provides new BA equal to the subcommittee allocation. Hence it complies with applicable Budget Act provisions, which prohibit consideration of appropriations bills that exceed their respective suballocations. The bill does not cause a breach of the budgetary aggregates for BA or outlays, which would violate the Budget Act.

In addition to spending rules in the Budget Act, the budget resolution provides guidelines for emergency designated appropriations, and appropriations for fiscal years beyond the budget year (so-called “advance appropriations”). As noted above, this bill contains neither emergency-designated nor advance appropriations.

**Table 2: Discretionary Spending in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill**  
(in millions of dollars)

	2006 Budget Authority	2006 Outlays	2007 Budget Authority	2007 Outlays	Difference BA	Difference Outlays
Department of Energy . . . . .	23,554	24,033	23,900	23,975	346	-58
<i>National Nuclear Security Administration</i>	9,105	9,088	9,200	9,209	95	121
<i>Enviro. and Other Defense Activities . . . .</i>	7,112	7,446	6,661	7,015	-451	-431
<i>Energy Programs . . . . .</i>	7,396	7,498	8,060	7,777	664	279
<i>Other Department of Energy . . . . .</i>	-59	1	-21	-26	38	-27
Department of the Interior . . . . .	1,011	998	907	981	-104	-17
Corps of Engineers - Civil Works . . . . .	5,329	5,207	4,982	6,178	-347	971
Other . . . . .	<u>270</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>-42</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>30,164</b>	<b>30,490</b>	<b>30,017</b>	<b>31,411</b>	<b>-147</b>	<b>921</b>

**DISCUSSION**

The bill provides \$23.9 billion in discretionary BA to the Department of Energy [DOE], an increase of \$346 million from the 2006 enacted level (see Table 2 above). Within the department, BA is increased for Energy Programs (\$664 million or 9 percent) and reduced for Environmental and Other Defense Activities (\$451 million or 6.3 percent). Noteworthy changes include the following:

- *Department of Energy, Office of Science* - The bill fully funds the Office of Science’s contribution to the American Competitiveness Initiative, increasing funding for physical science research by \$536 million compared with fiscal year 2006.

- *Defense Environmental Cleanup* - The bill provides \$693 million less than 2006 for decontaminating defense-related nuclear facilities, but \$162 million more than the President’s request.
- *Army Corps of Engineers* - The Corps is funded at \$347 million, or 6.5 percent, below 2006, but \$249 million above the President’s request.

Neither the 2006 nor 2007 amounts include emergency funding provided or contemplated in supplemental appropriations bills in response to damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.